IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Atty Docket No.: SVEJ 22 § In re application of: ω cc: Atty Docket No. SVEJ 22-5 David L. Burke, et al. Group Art Unit: 1734

Application No.: 09/641,190

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Examiner: Laura Estelle Edwards AND METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Please cancel Claims 1-47, 55-82 and 87-97 without prejudice to Applicant.

REMARKS

Claims 48-54 and 83-86 remain pending.

Early allowance of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted

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